

a request from the power-transmitting apparatus 100, the electronic device 200 transmits power received in the electronic device 200 as the received power information to the power-transmitting apparatus 100.

[0056] When the CPU 110 receives the received power information of the electronic device 200 (YES in Step S407), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S408. When the CPU 110 does not receive the received power information of the electronic device 200 (NO in Step S407), the CPU 110 returns to Step S407, and waits to receive the received power information from the electronic device 200.

[0057] In Step S408, the CPU 110 calculates a ratio (power efficiency) of the transmitted power acquired in Step S401 and the received power indicated by the received power information acquired in Step S407, and proceeds to Step S409. For example, when the transmitted power is 0.5 W and the received power of the electronic device 200 is 0.2 W, the power efficiency is 40%. When the transmitted power is 3 W and the received power of the electronic device 200 is 1.5 W, the power efficiency is 50%.

[0058] In Step S409, the CPU 110 compares the power efficiency obtained in Step S408 to the power efficiency threshold determined in Step S404, S405, or S406. When the power efficiency obtained in Step S408 is less than the power efficiency threshold determined in Step S404, S405, or S406 (YES in Step S409), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S410. When the power efficiency obtained in Step S408 is greater than or equal to the power efficiency threshold determined in Step S404, S405, or S406 (NO in Step S409), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S411.

[0059] In Step S410, the CPU 110 determines that there is a foreign substance, and sets a flag indicating that there is a foreign substance. In Step S411, the CPU 110 determines that there is no foreign substance, and sets a flag indicating that there is no foreign substance. In other words, the CPU 110 sets a foreign substance flag (foreign substance flag=1) when there is a foreign substance, and resets the foreign substance flag (foreign substance flag=0) when there is no foreign substance.

[0060] For example, when the transmitted power is 0.5 W and the received power is 0.2 W, the expression of power efficiency (40%)>power efficiency threshold (35%) is satisfied, and thereby the CPU 110 determines that there is no foreign substance. When the transmitted power is 0.5 W and the received power is 0.1 W, the expression of power efficiency (20%)<power efficiency threshold (35%) is satisfied, and thereby the CPU 110 determines that there is a foreign substance. When the transmitted power is 3 W and the received power is 1.5 W, the expression of power efficiency (50%)>power efficiency threshold (40%) is satisfied, and thereby the CPU 110 determines that there is no foreign substance. When the transmitted power is 3 W and the received power is 1 W, the expression of power efficiency (33%)<power efficiency threshold (40%) is satisfied, and thereby the CPU 110 determines that there is a foreign substance. When the transmitted power is 10 W and the received power is 5 W, the expression of power efficiency (50%)>power efficiency threshold (45%) is satisfied, and thereby the CPU 110 determines that there is no foreign substance. When the transmitted power is 10 W and the received power is 4 W, the expression of power efficiency (40%)<power efficiency threshold (45%) is satisfied, and thereby the CPU 110 determines that there is a foreign substance.

[0061] As illustrated in FIG. 4, in the present embodiment, the lower the transmitted power, the lower the power efficiency threshold for foreign substance determination is set, and the higher the transmitted power, the higher the power efficiency threshold for foreign substance determination is set. By doing so, there are fewer opportunities to determine that there is a foreign substance when the transmitted power is small. Consequently, power transmission to the electronic device 200 can be completed in a shorter period of time. On the other hand, when the transmitted power is high, foreign substances are positively determined, thereby increasing safety during the power transmission.

[0062] Although the power efficiency threshold is determined in accordance with the transmitted power in the flow illustrated in FIG. 4, the power efficiency threshold can be determined in accordance with the power classes of the power-transmitting apparatus 100 and the electronic device 200. In addition, the same result can be obtained by correcting the power efficiency determined in Step S408 with a correction coefficient determined in accordance with the transmitted power, and comparing the correction result to a fixed power efficiency threshold. The correction coefficient can be determined by a process or a class similar to those in Steps S402 to S406.

Second Embodiment

[0063] FIG. 5 is a flowchart for explaining another operation of the foreign substance detection process (Step S306). Here, the presence of a foreign substance is determined by variation of an antenna current flowing through an antenna 101. A computer program that realizes the process of the flowchart illustrated in FIG. 5 is stored in a ROM 108, and a CPU 110 reads the computer program from the ROM 108 and executes the computer program, thereby realizing the process illustrated in FIG. 5.

[0064] In Step S501, the CPU 110 acquires transmitted power of a power-transmitting apparatus 100. The transmitted power is power output to an electronic device 200 from the power-transmitting apparatus 100 based on the transmitted power determined in Step S304. After acquiring the transmitted power, the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S502.

[0065] In Step S502, the CPU 110 determines whether the transmitted power acquired in Step S501 is at least 1 W. When the transmitted power acquired in Step S501 is at least 1 W (YES in Step S502), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S503. When the transmitted power acquired in Step S501 is less than 1 W (NO in Step S502), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S504.

[0066] In Step S503, the CPU 110 determines whether the transmitted power acquired in Step S501 is at least 6 W. When the transmitted power acquired in Step S501 is at least 6 W (YES in Step S503), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S506. When the transmitted power acquired in Step S501 is less than 6 W (NO in Step S503), the CPU 110 proceeds to Step S505.

[0067] In Step S504, the CPU 110 sets an antenna current variation threshold to 20 mA, and proceeds to Step S507. In Step S505, the CPU 110 sets an antenna current variation threshold to 15 mA, and proceeds to Step S507. In Step S506, the CPU 110 sets an antenna current variation threshold to 10 mA, and proceeds to Step S507.

[0068] For example, when the transmitted power is 0.5 W, the antenna current variation threshold is 20 mA. When the transmitted power is 3 W, the antenna current variation